A PIRATE'S LIFE
BRADEN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

SPOOKY EDITION



Ryan Rivers (12)

INTRODUCING A PIRATE'S LIFE

Welcome back to "A Pirate's Life," the official newsletter for the JROTC Program at Braden River High School. This is a monthly newsletter designed to keep cadets, parents, and guardians informed and connected. Through "A Pirate's Life," we'll share updates, upcoming events, and news throughout the whole Pirate Battalion, including afterschool activities offered here, fundraisers, and volunteer opportunities. We will also highlight outstanding cadets to recognize their dedication and achievements. Before we continue, it is important to address the symbolic meaning of **PIRATE**, which stands for **P**erseverance, **I**mprovement, **R**esilience, **A**ccountability, **T**eamwork, and **E**ngagement. It is created by cadets for cadets.



Emily Huynh (10), Genevieve Peloquin (12), Gabriella Zambrano (10), Javier Garcia-Trejo (12)

GOALS FOR THIS MONTH

There is plenty to look forward to in this month's newsletter! We will be highlighting our Raider and Rifle Teams' competition experiences, sharing cadets' reflections, and recognizing our Cadets of the Month from the past few months. In addition, we will be showcasing cadets at work during football parking.

Looking ahead, this month will bring several exciting events and opportunities, including uniform days, Spirit Week, upcoming football games, and more competitions, especially the Raider Team's trip to Nationals!



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JROTC INOLVEMENT IN HOMECOMING SPIRIT WEEK



Female, Male, and Mix Team in Raiders

RAIDERS AT THE PEP RALLY

During Braden river's Second Annual Pep Rally, the JROTC Raider team was invited to participate, with all three teams representing the program. Our teams were recognized for their outstanding performance, which was a direct result of their dedication and motivation. Furthermore, this is the first time JROTC has received this recognition, honoring their 1st place finish as Florida State Champions last year. In addition, both the female and male team are heading to national competition.



Ashely Yi (12) and Erlandetina Cidelus (11)

DUO DAY



Staff and Alpha Company

PINK VS WEDNESDAY ADDAMS



Staff and Alpha Company

SALAD DRESSING DAY

CALVARY CHAPEL

On September 11, a handful of cadets volunteered to participate in a memorial ceremony at Calvary Chapel to honor the lives lost and the individuals who helped during the tragic events of 9/11. Among the cadets in attendance was our Battalion Commander, Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Marfil Trejo (12), who reflected on her experience:
"The Calvary Chapel ceremony for September 11th was a meaningful and memorable event. We presented the colors as a formal way to honor those who helped and those who passed away on the day of the attacks. The ceremony was very meaningful, and as a group, we prayed for those who are no longer with us today."



Marfil Trejo (12), Alaya Morris (11), David Pedraza (10), and Ryan Rivers (12)

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Another volunteer opportunity took place at Lakewood Ranch Christian School, where our cadets taught younger students about the American flag and the importance of treating it with respect. Reflecting on the experience, Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Marfil Trejo described the event as “a very special and meaningful event. We taught little children the formal way to raise and fold the American flag properly, treating it with respect and honor. We also taught them a little about what we do and what JROTC is. VFW Dave Daily was there with us and shared additional information about the American flag. This was an amazing community event overall and definitely a great experience to teach the next generation the formal and correct way to handle the flag.”



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

In September, our battalion participated in another volunteer event, this time supporting Habitat for Humanity. Cadet Stella Jimenez (10) shared her experience helping with the project:

"We did miscellaneous work, mostly carrying heavy equipment for qualified construction workers and painting wooden boards that will serve as benches on the front porches of the homes."

RAIDER NATIONALS

This month, our Raider Teams competed in the 4th Annual National Raider Challenge at Fort Knox, Kentucky! Both the Male and Female Teams competed in the Masters Division, the competition's most challenging division, against more than 350 schools and nearly 4,000 Army JROTC cadets. Our Male Team earned 4th place overall, while our Female Team earned 6th place overall. Congratulations to both teams on their accomplishments and for proudly representing our battalion on the national stage!

BRHS "Raider Rumble" (BR3)



To begin, the Male Team participated in several competitions last month, earning first place in each. One of these competitions was the BRHS Raider Rumble, the first raider competition of the season.

Reflecting on the team's performance, Cadet Noah Jonson shared, "I felt that it went well overall. We [the Male Team] placed first in every event despite some setbacks, including the injury of one of our teammates, Judah Clark." Noah also explained that although Judah's absence was significant to the team, it gave some of the benched teammates an opportunity to step up and demonstrate their abilities, proving themselves.

SMA INVITATIONAL



The second competition of the season took place at Riverview High School, where the Raider Team participated in the SMA Invitational. To learn more about the experience, we heard from a member of the Mixed Team,
Cadet Isabella Vogt (11), who shared her thoughts on the competition.

Looking back on the competition, Vogt described feeling both nervous and excited, while also hoping her team would win. She states "We have definitely improved from the last competition, and I know we can improve even more. From this competition, I enjoyed getting to hang out with the team and marching to most events."

PINNELLAS PARK



The final competition or Raider Team participated last month took place at Pinellas Park High School. During this competition, we heard from Cadet Emily Huynh, who joined the Raider Team later than her fellow teammates because of her involvement in another sport.
Reflecting on her experiences at the competition, Huynh explained how much she had grown mentally since her competition: "I improved from the last competition. I didn't have confidence in myself to keep up with the other girls. The whole morning of the first competition, I just had a wave of doubt until my TL, Adrienne Oliver, went up to me and said that I might not believe in myself, but she does and that I am here for a reason. That really helped a lot, even if she didn't know it".

RIFLE COMPETITIONS



FIRST COUNTY MEET

The A Team placed 2nd overall
The B Team placed 6th overall

INDIVIDUAL SCORES
Augustus Secord – Top Shooter Overall and Top Kneeling
Abigail Wamsley – Sixth Overall
Gabriella Zambrano – Eight Overall
Adrienne Oliver – Tenth Overall

SECOND COUNTY MEET

The A Team placed 2nd overall
The B Team placed 4th overall

INDIVIDUAL SCORES
Augustus Secord – Fifth Overall
Sophia Zambrano - Sixth Overall
Gabriella Zambrano – Eight Overall
Abigial Wamsley – Tenth Overall

THIRD COUNTY MEET

The A Team placed 1st overall

The B Team placed 5th overall

INDIVIDUAL SCORES

Augustus Secord – Top Shooter Overall **TOP KNEELING**

Sophia Zambrano – Second Overall

Adrienne Oliver – Fourth Overall







CADET OF THE MONTH

AUGUST

Alpha	Bravo	Charlie	Delta	Echo	Foxtrot
Zailee Segar	Brandon De la Rosa	Chloe Scott	Kalayni Roney	Meah Castro	Mya Taggart








SEPTEMBER

Alpha	Bravo	Charlie	Delta	Echo	Foxtrot
Colton Chaill	Marriela Chan	Camilla Ferra	Matias Vasquez	David Pedraza	Brandon Taphouse








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Follow the official Pirate Battalion Instagram account to stay updated on news, upcoming events, and cadet achievements. The official account is managed by our S8, Cadet Captain Javier Garcia-Trejo. Please be sure to follow us and check in for updates!

https://www.instagram.com/piratesjrotc?utm_source=qr

UNIFORMS

This month, the Pirate Battalion began wearing the official uniforms on Wednesday, October 14th. The uniforms are an important part of the JROTC program representing discipline and preparing cadets for the future. Each Uniform Inspection on Wednesday will be corrected to prepare them for the next uniform wear.



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
ALL DAY	Academic Day	Academic Day	**UNIFORM DAY**	DRILL DAY	**P.T. DAY**
BEFORE SCHOOL	**0645 CMD &Staff 0700 Flag Detail**	**0530- Raiders *0700* Flag Detail**	**0700 Flag Detail**	**0530- Raiders 0700 Flag Detail**	**0700 Flag Detail**
DURING CLASS	**Academic Work**	**Academic Work**	**Drill Practice**	**Drill Practice**	**Physical Training (PT)** *(proper workout outfit + Maroon Shirt)*
AFTER CLASS	**1430-1700 Raider Practice** *after School*	**1430-1700 Rifle Practice** *after School*	**1430-1700 Raider Practice** *after School*	**1430-1700 Rifle Practice** *after School*	**1430-1700 Raider Practice** *after School*